

8. If, like gamesters, who cheat at play,
(we commit offences) knowingly, or (those) of which
we know
not, do thou, divine VARUKA, extricate us
from them
all, as if from loosened (bonds), so that
we may be
dear, VARUNA, to thee.

SUKTA XIV. (LXXXVI.)

The deities are INDRA and AGNI; the *RM* is ATRI;
the
metre is *Anwhtulh*, except in the last Terse, in which
it is

1. INDRA and AGNI, the mortal whom you
both Jgg
protect scatters the substantial treasures
(of his
enemies), as T&ITA (confutes) the words (of
his
opponents).¹
2. We invoke the two, INDRA and AGNI, who are
irresistible in conflicts, who are renowned in
battles,
who protect the five (classes of) men.²
3. Overpowering is the might of these two:
the
bright (lightning) is shining in the hands of
MAGHA-
VAN, as they go together in one chariot for
the
(recovery of the) cows, and the destruction of
VMTRA.
4. We invoke you both, INDRA and AGNI, for (send-
ing) your chariots to the combat, lords of
mpveable
wealth, all-knowing, most deserving of praise.
5. I adore you, irresistible deities, for (the sake
of
obtaining) horses: you who are increasing day by
day

¹ *Vdnir-ioa TritaJt*: the comment explains this,
Trita *rishi*
prativddavdkydni prabhinotti, as the *MM* *Trita*
breaks or
refutes controversial arguments; or *Trita* may
mean *Agni*, who,
in the three regions, disregards or dissipates
reproaches.

² *Pandia chanhamh*: ibis precludes all allusion
to mytho-
logical beings.